
Transportation Committee

HB 1024

Brief Description: Adding to the scenic and recreational highway system.

Sponsors: Representatives Fagan, Schmick, Armstrong, Clibborn, Lias, Frockt and Moeller.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extends a section of State Route 27 that is designated as a scenic and recreational highway by about 20 miles.• Designates a portion of State Route 278 as a scenic and recreational highway.
--

Hearing Date: 1/12/11

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322)

Background:

The Scenic and Recreational Highway System was created in statute in 1967. The process was modified in 1999 to improve Washington highways' competitiveness under the federal National Scenic Byways Program within the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. A highway does not become part of the Scenic and Recreational Highway System unless approved by the Legislature.

Currently, two sections of State Route 27 are designated as a scenic and recreational highway; no sections of State Route 278 are so designated.

Summary of Bill:

One section of State Route 27 that is designated as a scenic and recreational highway is extended by approximately 20 miles. Currently, the designated section is from the junction of State Route 271 to the vicinity of Tekoa; this action extends the designation to the vicinity of Rockford. In addition, about five miles of State Route 278 are designated as a scenic and recreational highway.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.